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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Higgins et al.
Serial Number: 09/721,871
Filed: November 24, 2000
For: **CUSHIONED CARPET, CARPET TILE, AND METHOD**
Group Art Unit: 1771
Examiner: Juska, Cheryl Ann

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002, Applicant hereby respectfully elects the invention of Group I – claims 1 – 51, 56 – 85, 117, 118, 123 – 126, 128 – 130, 132, 133, 136 – 142, and 145 – 149 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully believes that claim 103 belongs in Group IV along with claim 104. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicant hereby respectfully elects claim 103 along with the other claims of Group I for examination.

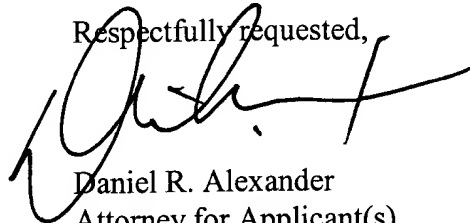
Applicant respectfully requests examination of the Group I claims on the merits. An early and favorable action to the effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account 04-0500.

Respectfully requested,

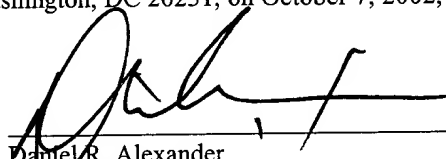
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